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Dear Patient,

We want to ensure that you are engaged with your health care needs. If your medical procedures, diagnostic testing, imaging studies, follow-up appointments, or important preventive care screenings were delayed over the past six weeks, we’re here to help you get back on track.

Every one of our more than 180 medical practices is open and following the most rigorous infection prevention policies, including universal masking, pre-screening protocols and physical distancing practices, to maintain a safe environment for our patients and staff. We are ready to care for you.

Here is what we want to share with you today:

• **NEW online clinical trials search:** UCLA Health is on the forefront of COVID-19 research. You can now explore our active research studies by drilling down to specific categories, such as treatments for hospitalized COVID-positive patients, treatments for non-hospitalized patients, pre-exposure and vaccine trials, and studies for healthcare workers and first responders, among others.

• **Eating your way toward a healthy immune system:** COVID-19 has prompted many people to explore how to best protect their health. While there is no magic bullet, proper nutrition is one way to help you stay healthy and strong.

• **Outpatient surgery centers close to home:** Our outpatient surgery centers in Santa Monica, Santa Clarita, Thousand Oaks and Westwood are open and scheduling for surgery.

• **Preventive screenings:** Ask your doctor which screenings are important for you. Our Santa Clarita, Santa Monica, Torrance, West Hills and Westwood procedural locations are open and scheduling for screenings like colonoscopies and other procedures.

• **Convenient Primary Care Hours:** Our primary care offices, spread across the greater LA region, offer extended hours and same day appointments. We also provide afterhours and walk-in care at our six immediate care centers.

• **COVID-19 and seniors:** Like everyone, older Americans should practice physical distancing, only leave home for essential supplies or health care and stay at least 6 feet from others to minimize contact. But, we know connecting with people is very healthy. This article gives tips for seniors and caregivers, and encourages the use of technology to stay connected.

Please call 310-825-2631 to schedule previously discussed screenings or surgeries. Staying healthy now is just as important as it ever was.

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